

REMARKS

In the present Amendment, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 3. Claim 3 has been canceled.

Claim 4 has been amended to change its dependency in view of cancellation of Claim 3.

No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully submit that entry of the Amendment after the Notice of Appeal is proper because the only amendments made in the present Amendment are incorporation of the subject matter of allowed Claim 3 into Claim 1, cancellation of Claim 3, and amendment of dependency of Claim 4 in view of cancellation of Claim 3. Upon entry of the Amendment, Claims 1, 2 and 4-9 will be all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1 and 2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Rahman. Claims 3 and 4 have been objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim.

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1 and 2 are patentable over Rahman. As mentioned above, Applicants have amended Claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 3, which is not included in the rejection. The Examiner further indicated that the subject matter of Claims 3 and 4 are allowable. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection and objection.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner stated that amended Claim 1 is identical to original Claim 1.

In response, Applicants have in the present Amendment, amended Claims 1 and 4 as described, which was inadvertently omitted from the claims in the Amendment of May 26, 2004.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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